

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/728,786

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/08/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT-Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/04/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This communication is an Examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on December 08, 2003, assigned serial 10/728,786 and titled "WHEEL SPEED CALCULATION METHOD".

2. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

a. After carefully reviewing the application in light of the prior art of record and the search of all the possible areas relevant to the present application, a set of related prior art references has been found, but those prior art references are not deemed strong to make the application unpatentable. Thus, it is found that the application is now in condition for allowance.

b. Although the prior art disclose several claimed limitations, none of the references teaches a wheel speed calculation method for calculating wheel speed at the calculation timing of a given period based on a pulse signal provided by shaping the waveform of a detection signal from a wheel speed sensor which includes a rotor with plurality of detected elements rotating with wheel, wherein when both rising and falling edges occur in the present calculation period, wheel speed VW is calculated as recited in claim 1, when a rising edge does not occur although a falling edge occurs in the present calculation period, the value of VW1 or VW2, whichever lower, is selected as the wheel speed (see the equations of the VW1 and VW2 in claim 1), when a falling edge does not occur although a rising edge occurs in the present calculation period, the value VW3 or VW4, whichever is the lower, is selected as the wheel speed (see the equations for the VW3 and VW4 in claim 1), when neither a rising edge nor a falling edge is the present calculation period, a comparison is made between the minimum

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value of VW5 to VW7 and the preceding wheel speed VW and the minimum value or the preceding wheel speed VW, whichever is the lower, is selected as the present wheel speed (see the equations for the VW5 to VW7 as recited in claim 1).

c. Claims 1-3 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Tan Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9755. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 5:30 AM-4:00 PM

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black, can be reached on (703) 305-8233.

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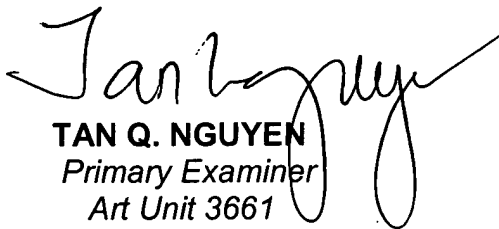
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